

REMARKS

Amendments to the claims

Rejected claims 1-13, 16, 31, 47-49, 54 and 55 have been canceled without prejudice. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the cancelled claims in this application or in any derivative thereof.

Specification

The amendment to the claims filed 6/15/2005 by the Applicants stands objected to because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. Applicants respectfully disagree. However, in order to move the application to issue, Applicants have cancelled the claims 1, 16, 48, 49, 54 and 55, which were amended on 6/15/2005. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the above objection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-13, 16, 31, 47-49 and 54-55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully disagree. However, in order to move the application to issue, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-13, 16, 31, 47-49 and 54-55. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the above rejection.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the allowability of claims 17-28, 30 and 33-36.

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In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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